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To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting an appeal to a decision from the Schools and Library Division of the Universal Services Fund CC Docket No. 02-06

Billed Entity Number:

222989

471 Application Number:

372865

I am requesting a waiver of the rules to allow our application to be processed. According to SLD, the ONEC year 6 application was denied funding because the schools were unable to provide sufficient evidence that they were able to pay for the services described in their application.

As the application applied for was for telecommunications services, and the schools did end up paying for the services, we would like to request that SLD provide the requested percentage discount.

The waiver rules require mitigating circumstances regarding compliance. During the application review process, SLD was in contact with a Mr. Byron Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox did not send the SLD representatives the information they needed to complete the review process. This did not come to the attention of Mr. Wilcox supervisors until this May when Mr. Wilcox was released from his contract. When Mr. Wilcox left, the documentation regarding the SLD Year 6 application process was discovered. We would like to request an opening of negotiations regarding the Year 6 telecommunications request for our schools.

Respectfully submitted.

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